

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

Contribution of old linen and cotton are solicited by the Mutual Aid association.

Wauvassinet lodge, I. O. O. F., will elect officers and confer the third degree tonight.

H. L. Todd of Quebec city returned this morning after a visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tway returned Saturday to Springfield, Mass., after spending Christmas with relatives.

The Methodist cottage prayer meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock with Mrs. Plimpton on Canal street. All are welcome.

Thirteen of the operators at the New England Telephone office enjoyed a sleigh ride to Barnardston Saturday evening. Supper was served and music was enjoyed during the evening.

Thomas Leonard went today to New-fane jail to spend 15 days in default of the wherewithal to pay a fine of \$5 and costs of \$5.14 imposed by Judge Frank L. Barber in municipal court this morning for intoxication.

J. G. White & Co., who had an important part in the construction of the Connecticut River Power Co.'s plant, have taken a contract for \$10,000,000 to put Quaquill, Ecuador, the "best hotel of the Pacific," in a sanitary condition.

August Hollander received news by cablegram this morning of the death of his brother-in-law, Conrad Mueller, at Herenhausen, Germany. Mr. Mueller also is a brother-in-law of Mrs. A. E. Rohde and Carl Hollander of this town.

Yesterday and today were by far the coldest days of the winter. The official thermometer at P. R. Vaughan's went down to three below zero yesterday morning and this morning registered one degree lower. Thermometers in different parts of the village went as low as 10 below.

Miss Evelyn Dunham gave a sleigh ride to 30 of her friends Saturday evening to Putney, where a supper was served at the Kendrick House. They took a Viator along, by the music of which dancing was enjoyed. The party returned home at a late hour, after a very enjoyable time.

The Christmas party for the Unitarian Sunday school will be held in the parish house tomorrow, Tuesday, evening. Supper will be served at 5:30 o'clock, to be followed by the distribution of gifts and the playing of games. Parents and friends are invited to be present as usual.

Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood, in the course of his sermon yesterday morning, referred to the sudden death of Dr. H. O'Connor and to the fine service this physician had rendered during his 15 years' residence in the community, and to his earnest participation in all efforts to make the town a better place in which to live.

Charles Leslie Shaw of 51 South Main street and Miss Abbie Nina Reed of 18 Prospect street were married at 5 o'clock Dec. 28 at the home of the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Titus, 91 South Main street, in the presence of immediate relatives, Rev. Roy M. Houghton, pastor of the Centre Congregational church, performed the ceremony. The couple was united. They are living at 18 Prospect street.

The fact that the Jack Lynn Stock company continues to fill the Auditorium is no longer a mystery. The secret of the great success is that Jack and his close associates "deliver the goods." Their offering last Saturday of a Hamus Shave being well received by another crowded house. Tonight they present an unusually strong sensational drama, "The Governor's Parlor," with lots of good comedy. Ladies' tickets will again prevail tonight.

Reward will be paid for the return to 8 North street of white bull terrier, with black on right side of head; scars; brass studded collar, F. H. Sanford.—Adv. 252-41

OUR OLDEST GENERAL.

Edwin Louis Hayes Celebrating 94th Birthday Anniversary.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Dec. 29.—General Edwin Louis Hayes, the oldest living general of the United States, is celebrating his 94th birthday anniversary today. He served throughout the Civil war and was one of the founders of the Republican party. He attributes his long life to temperance, plenty of exercise in the open air and a clear conscience.

IT'S OUR BUSINESS.

We have a modern equipped machine shop in charge of expert engineers who are ready to build model machinery of every description, tools and parts and general repairs of machinery, engines, automobiles, etc. Will give you estimates on application and assure you perfect satisfaction. National Automatic Machine Co., Brattleboro, Vt.

THE HAT

For dress is a white hat. Fur trimmed hats are also very much in vogue this winter. I have a large and well selected stock of hats and all sorts of pretty things to trim them with. My store has a reputation for fair dealing and right prices. — Mrs. G. H. Smith.

SLEIGHING

is a pleasure when protected against the cold with one of our famous

Bishop Fur Robes

Fur Robes from \$10 to \$25 that are exceptional values.

Wool Robes from \$8 to \$10 that are wind and water-proof.

Sleigh Bells and Horse Blankets at all prices.

SYDNEY H. NIXON

Harness Maker 20 Main Street

PROBABLE CUT IN

WEST RIVER SERVICE

Passenger Trains Leaving Here 9:25 a. m. and Returning at 1:50 p. m. Likely to be Taken Off.

Certain Brattleboro persons have been notified by the Central Vermont Railway company of the railroad's intention to take off the local passenger train on the West River road leaving Brattleboro for South Londonderry at 9:25 a. m. and arriving here on the return trip at 1:50 p. m. The reason given is the great depression in business, which the company says is affecting it seriously.

Concerning the proposed change, which is slated to go into effect Jan. 4, the company writes: "The management regret the necessity of taking this action, but they have been very kind to Brattleboro and the West River people in regard to the service which was established there last year and again this year, and we want to do everything possible to develop the business down there, but for the reasons given above it is not a question of what we can do, but what we must do."

Patrons in the West River valley, as well as in Brattleboro, are disappointed because of the proposed change and are endeavoring to see if it will be possible in some way to avoid taking off this train. If it is taken off an effort will be made to have it restored at the earliest possible time, perhaps in April.

The removal of this train will leave the service just as it was for many years until the new trains were put on two years ago as a result of agitation for building up the West River valley. The new trains were well patronized during the summer seasons. The proposed change will leave the West River road schedule as follows:

Northbound—Mixed train will leave Brattleboro at 7 a. m.; passenger train will leave Brattleboro at 6 p. m. Southbound—Passenger train will arrive in Brattleboro at 8:45 a. m.; mixed train will arrive in Brattleboro at 4 p. m.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE FIGURES.

Statistics Indicate Greater Care in Preparing Mail.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The American public is exercising greater care in preparing mail matter, according to the annual report at Washington yesterday of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Charles E. Smith. The report says the figures show that the fraction of a per cent increase in the receipt of undeliverable domestic mail matter for the last fiscal year is below the normal rate for some years. More than 13,000,000 foreign and domestic letters and parcels were received by the dead letter office during the year, and of these 6,449,000 pieces were restored to the rightful owners. The valuable enclosed in the letters made up a small fraction. Most of this, however, was returned to the owners.

There were altogether 42,805 rural free delivery routes in operation in the United States, served by substantially the same number of carriers with annual salaries aggregating \$43,577,442. A total of 201 rural carriers resigned. They were removed, the removals numbering 189 during the year, against total separations of 2578 carriers from all these causes in the previous fiscal year.

GIRL UNCONSCIOUS 85 HOURS.

Hurt in Auto Wreck; Brought as Patient to Her Father.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 29.—Miss Anna Wheeler, who was hurt in an automobile accident Christmas day has remained unconscious ever since—85 hours up to midnight last night. She is in the city hospital.

Miss Wheeler is 16 years old, the daughter of Dr. Charles D. Wheeler, one of the best known surgeons in the state. Christmas day she was making calls with her sister, Miss Mary Wheeler, who was in charge of the automobile in which they rode. As they turned from a side street into Main, a suburban trolley car struck the automobile, crushing, but not overturning it.

The two girls remained in the car, held fast by the wreck of its frame-work. They were extricated, and Miss Mary Wheeler was found to have escaped serious injury. Her sister, unconscious, was taken to the city hospital and to the operating room where Dr. Wheeler, who is visiting surgeon, was performing an operation.

Miss Wheeler seems to have received severe internal injuries, but their nature and her chance of recovery have not yet been determined.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Allen's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Allen of 124 Windsor avenue, Hartford, Conn., formerly of this city, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary as a part of the Christmas festivities in their home Thursday. The gathering was informal, among the guests being Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Rollins. Mr. Allen's father, who now lives in Minneapolis, Minn., unable to be present. Mr. and Mrs. Allen were married Dec. 25, 1888, by the late Rev. Michael Burnham of First church in this city. Mrs. Allen was formerly Miss Ida E. Rollins, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Rollins of Springfield. Mr. Allen was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Allen of Rowe. He spent most of his boyhood days in Brattleboro, where he was a member of the high school class of 1885, and later, in 1887, moved to Springfield, where for about 19 years he worked in the department store of Forbes & Wallace. About 10 years ago he came to Hartford and has since been buyer for Sage, Allen & Co. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have one son, E. Marshall Allen, who is a salesman of office supplies and makes his home with his parents.—Springfield Union.

PERSONAL.

Miss Dorothy Pratt is visiting her uncle, E. R. Pratt, in New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Heaphy of Montpelier are visiting a few days in town.

Mrs. B. G. Harris, clerk at O. J. Pratt's, is taking a vacation for a few days.

Miss Susan M. Cleghorn of North Adams, Mass., is a guest of Mrs. N. H. Arnold.

Mrs. Helen Chandler, clerk at Houghton & Simonds', is taking a vacation this week.

John Brew of Plattsburg, N. Y., is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. R. Daley.

Charles H. Colt went to Newton, Mass., Saturday to visit his daughter, Mrs. C. T. Whittemore.

Mr. and Mrs. Helen Strout now occupy the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Bothwell.

John Manley, jr., a student at Stamford academy, Stamford, Conn., is at his home for his vacation.

Dr. Edward Leonard of Boston spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Cora Leonard, on Chapin street.

Harry Deane of Worcester, Mass., who was a holiday visitor in town, returned to that city yesterday.

Mrs. J. L. Morse of Philadelphia was a holiday visitor last week at the home of her mother, Mrs. N. I. Hawley.

Miss Margaret Wheeler of Boston came Saturday to visit her cousin, Miss Florence Pratt, on Oak street.

Miss Florence I. Goodenough returned to her work as supervisor of drawing in schools in New York this morning.

Miss Barbara Hadden and Miss Agnes Sullivan of Bellows Falls are visiting Mrs. Arthur Rohde on Highland street.

Leon Yeaw returned today to West Rutland, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sabin M. Yeaw, several days.

Mrs. Vera Partridge returned to her home in Millers Falls Friday after a visit at L. D. Harris's on Frost street.

Miss Helen Kenn of Quincy, Mass., was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Frank H. Braser, returned to her home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Roel and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jones were guests Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Yeaw in Dover.

Howard Brown, a student at Brown university, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown of Frost street.

Frank Crozier returned to his home in Somerville, Mass., today. His mother, Mrs. Mary Crozier, accompanied him for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Winchester of Springfield, Mass., who spent Christmas here with relatives, returned to their home last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Knight and daughter, went to Springfield, Mass., Friday to visit before returning to their home in Montpelier.

Miss Rua Yeaw, who has a position as teacher in New Rochelle, N. Y., is a holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sabin M. Yeaw.

Mrs. D. G. Huntley and grandson, Leighton Noyes, returned Saturday night from Springfield, Mass., where they visited a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kibbe of Springfield, Mass., visited Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. George Smith, and family, returning home on the Thursday evening train.

Elmer B. Chamberlain, who holds a responsible position in the office of the Cheshire County Beef company in Keene, spent a part of Christmas week at his home here with his parents.

PREPARING FOR BATTLE.

Rebel Force is Resting Before Making Attack on Ojinaga.

PRESIDIO, Texas, Dec. 29.—The Mexican Federal army at Ojinaga, comprising 100 soldiers under the command of nine generals, is preparing to resist 1200 rebels advancing from Chihuahua under Gen. Ortega. The rebels are fatigued and are on short rations, after a seven days' journey overland a distance of over 150 miles. The force is resting today 20 miles from Ojinaga. An attack is not expected for several days.

To Know Thyself.

How can a man learn to know himself? Never by meditating, but by doing. Endeavor to do thy duty, and thou wilt at once know what in thee lies.—Goethe.

Happens Frequently.

We don't know who puts the punct in punctuation, but we do know a whole lot of punctuation is put into punk.

Virtue and Greatness.

There was never yet a truly great man that was not at the same time truly virtuous.—Benjamin Franklin.

COLD FEET

Won't bother the person who uses one of my carriage heaters. I sell the carbon fuel that goes with them, also fur robes at \$12 to \$15, interlined imitation robes at \$5 to \$10, street and stable blankets at \$1 to \$8.50. Rexford Reason, 40 Elliot street.

A HARDWARE STOCK

That is without an equal in southern Vermont is to be found in our store. If you are repairing your house, if you have broken a lock, wish to make some improvements in interior fittings, need a knife, a pair of scissors, come in, make your selection and go away satisfied. — Mellen Hardware Co., Main street.

THE REAL BARGAINS

In trimmed hats of the very latest style are to be found in our extensive display. We are certainly doing a lot of business because of the prices at which we are offering hats that cannot be duplicated elsewhere in Brattleboro for style at anywhere near our prices. It's worth while looking. Donnell & Davis, milliners.

PRESIDENT PURSUED

THROUGH THE MAILS

Hundreds of Letters Sent to Him While He is Trying to Regain His Health.

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss, Dec. 29.—Although President Wilson has been courteously left unmolested by the residents of this locality, yet hundreds of people in all parts of the country are daily pursuing him through the mails. The President is devoting much more time than he expected to correspondence. His physician said today that he was slowly improving in health, but that he needed more rest, and accordingly he announced that hereafter the President would refrain from attempting to answer communications except those of unusual importance. The bulk of his correspondence, including requests for engagements, endorsement of candidates for office and similar matters, will not be directed to the President's attention until after his return to Washington.

UNDER SHERMAN LAW.

National Wholesale Jewelers' Association Will Settle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A conference was begun here today between Felix H. Levy, counsel for the National Wholesale Jewelers' association and H. Snowden Marshall, United States district attorney, to arrange the details of settlement under the Sherman anti-trust law. Members of the association have agreed to an entry of decree in the federal court forbidding certain transactions deemed by the district attorney violations of the Sherman law.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER.

Will Be Attraction at Auditorium Saturday, January 10.

The story of The Chocolate Soldier, which will be the attraction at the Auditorium Saturday, Jan. 10, is derived from Arns and the Man, the comic masterpiece of England's most brilliant dramatist, George Bernard Shaw, but the supreme secret of the delightful opera's power is the magic beauty of Oscar Straus's music. The scenes of The Chocolate Soldier are laid in Bulgaria, and its picturesqueness has given the producer, F. C. Whitney, ample scope to characterize the production by great elegance and a wealth of local color.

Love in Service.

As soon as we begin to do things for other people we begin to care for them. It is a very beautiful law of nature, the best security of reward. For though we should do nothing with the mere hope of recompense, it is good to know that there cannot fail to be recompense, and it comes in this manner. It is always a great thing to care for others, and we cannot care for others without being willing to work for them and hence to them. Sometimes the love precedes the doing, but in many cases we do the good things first and the love follows.

Beautiful as this law is, there is a reverse side. To win the joy of loving because we are willing to give and to do is a noble thing; it may not always be noble to be loved on this condition, that others give to us and act for us. There are persons like this—we all know them—to whom love seems to come unthought. They accept it as a natural right and value it more or less according to the little they have in return. That which comes cheapest is generally held cheap.

The true value of love is inestimable but to those who have thus cheapened it love is really of little worth. For any affection to be truly valuable to us it is noble, it is the best of us, the spirit of responsiveness. In a sense we cannot actually receive love unless we give it. Love may beat against our hearts and find no entrance. Every scene is alike to a blind man, every sound is alike to the deaf. He who is only a receiver of affection and never a giver in reality receives little or nothing.

The Cost of Living.

It has been said that the pure food law has operated to increase prices and that it is a reason for the high cost of living. This is not so. The pure food law has increased food values, but not food prices. It is true that spices which five years ago could be bought for 15 cents a pound now sell for 25 cents a pound; maple syrup which formerly sold for 60 cents a gallon is now worth \$1.25 a gallon; 10-cent flavoring extracts have been replaced by 25-cent products. But this increase in price does not mean that the consumer is paying more for his foodstuffs than formerly. It is more economical to buy pure spices at 25 cents a pound than spices containing 50 per cent of ground olive stones, cocoon shells and sawdust at 15 cents a pound.

To those who love the flavor of maple syrup, the genuine product at \$1.25 a gallon is for more satisfactory than an artificial product at half price, and the housewife who pays 25 cents for a bottle of vanilla instead of 10 cents for a worthless imitation is actually saving money and reducing the cost of living instead of increasing it, for the bottle of today will go five times as far as that of former days and at the same time be much more satisfactory. The price of the great food staples—flour, rice, corn, beef and sugar—is absolutely uninfluenced by pure food laws. They may be higher today and lower tomorrow, but their cost to the consumer depends on the available supply, influenced by the expense of preparation and transportation.

The smallest conscript in France is probably Eugene Espagnol of Louviers, near Tours. He stands three feet seven inches in his stockings and turns the scales at 42 pounds.

WEST BRATTLEBORO.

Mrs. G. B. Hunter and daughter, Vivian, went today to Providence, R. I., to visit a week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Whitney of Williamstown, Mass., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley E. Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson went yesterday afternoon to their homes in Greenfield and Worcester, after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Squires.

Frank Knight of Hartford, Conn., was here to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Maria Knight, returning to Hartford Friday afternoon. Harry Knight of South Dakota returned to his home yesterday.

Miss Estella Niles of Concord, N. H., who was a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Alice Richmond, three weeks, went to Greenfield Saturday to remain over Sunday. From there she will go today to Boston before returning to her home.

George Fish, 14, of Fort Dummer Heights was operated upon at the Melrose hospital Saturday morning by Dr. Lynch. Frank Pattman of Brook street had one toe of his left foot amputated Saturday morning at the hospital. Mrs. Amelia Dunn was discharged from the institution Dec. 27 and sent to her home on Williams street.

NORTHFIELD, MASS.

Miss Ethel Anderson is visiting in Warwick.

Raymond Clapp is home from Amherst college.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mason spent Christmas in Greenfield.

E. L. Hammond is with his family on Parker avenue for a few days.

Miss Mary Wright came up from Springfield hospital to spend Christmas here.

Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Thompson and family autoed to Shelburne Falls for Christmas.

Governor Foss has recently appointed Herbert E. Buffum of West Northfield justice of the peace.

Dan Crawford, the noted African missionary, has been the guest of W. R. Moody for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gates and Walter of Athol spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolton.

Dr. Arthur J. Brown of New York is with his children, Miss Agnes and Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Brown.

There was a reunion at the Campbell home for Christmas. All returned home except Mr. and Mrs. Edgell and child.

The Order of Eastern Star will hold its annual installation of officers Jan. 9. Admission is by invitation of members only.

Walter Mann recently purchased a horse and wagon of Mrs. Jennie Mann Holton and with his wife drove to Phillipsburg.

Rev. J. H. Jewett, D. D., pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church of New York city, preached at Mt. Hermon Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Holton is suffering with erysipelas. Her sisters, Misses Charlotte and Ametia Hausman, are spending the week with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kendrick and children were in Keene, N. H., with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Field from Wednesday to Friday.

Misses Miriam and Helen Caldwell went to Springfield Saturday for a short visit with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Caldwell and family.

Jessie E. Lyman and Miss Violet Lyman enjoyed the Christmas holidays in Utica, N. Y., with their sisters, Mrs. H. W. Bouney and Miss Minnie Lyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Howard are entertaining their two daughters, Mrs. Edwin Dwyer, of Putney, Vt., and Mrs. Carl Davis of Oxford, N. H., with their families.

Misses Marion and Doris Laird entertained about 20 young people Friday evening. Music was a pleasant feature of the evening. Refreshments were enjoyed.

A Prohibition club was recently organized with the following officers: Pres., H. L. Bazzell; sec., A. J. Ayers; treas., C. H. Otis. For the present the club will meet monthly at the homes of the members.

Thomas M. Peck, who died recently in Grand Rapids, Mich., left to the Moody schools at Northfield to establish a hall, \$150,000 according to the New York Times. It is understood that Miss Nellie Nye and Silver Powell who often visited at A. P. Pitts', also benefited by this will.

The members of the Men's Bible class of the Congregational church, of which Rev. Mr. Smith is the teacher, gave him an ovation Tuesday evening. They came in a body to his door and a quartet sang as he opened the door. They all greeted him and were invited to the refreshments of coffee, cake and doughnuts and presented Mr. Smith with a handsome umbrella and a case. Mrs. Smith was given a bunch of carnations. Mrs. N. Fay Smith was presented at the Christmas tree at the church Monday night a purse of money from her class of about 40 women.

When one is in the heart of a storm he isn't wondering how he got there, if he is wise, he is planning how to reach a safe shelter.

IN OUR TOWN.

Have you seen the well dressed men in town who wear immaculate linen? It is almost a certainty they send their laundry work to us, for we do the best work in this part of the country, and we want to convince you that it is a fact. Phone and we will get your bundle.—Brattleboro Steam Laundry, 10 Flat street.

LOTS OF PEOPLE

Eat fish in some form or other one day a week. In some families it is always a regular course of the big meal of the day. Physicians tell us that fish is a healthy food to eat. We are glad to help you along on the road to happiness by supplying the fish.—S. Wells & Son.

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ALL MARKED AT 20 TO 33% LESS THAN REGULAR

\$25.00 Persiana Coats Reduced to	\$19.50
\$20.00 Persiana Coats Reduced to	\$14.98
\$17.50 Boucle Coats Reduced to	\$12.50
\$12.50 Astrachan Coats Reduced to	\$9.87
\$12.50 Chinchilla Coats Reduced to	\$7.98
\$10.00 Zebaline Coats Reduced to	\$7.98
\$10.00 Novelty Coats Reduced to	\$6.98
One Odd Lot \$8 and \$10 Coats Reduced to	\$4.98

\$25.00 Matelasse Coats Reduced to	\$14.98
\$20.00 Matelasse Coats Reduced to	\$12.50
\$12.50 Caracul Coats Reduced to	\$7.98
\$10.00 Caracul Coats Reduced to	\$5.98
\$10.00 Black Melton Coats Reduced to	\$4.98

All Children's Coats MARKED DOWN

\$8.75 Coats Reduced to	\$6.98
\$7.50 Coats Reduced to	\$5.98
\$6.98 Coats Reduced to	\$4.98
\$5.00 Coats Reduced to	\$3.98
Odd Coats in two lots at	98c and \$2.98

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Only the highest priced flours have barrels lined to protect them from car dust in transportation and all other handling.

Owing to a special purchase this flour can be obtained at practically Wholesale Prices. Each barrel guaranteed to please each and every customer.